



The Brick & Mortar Board

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Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners!

Our scholarship recipients for 2024 are Morgan Ellenberger and Jake Sparks, seniors at Hobart High School. Morgan will be studying at Indiana University Bloomington this fall to become a high school English teacher. Jake will be majoring in Business Law at Purdue University in West Lafayette.



*HHSAA Scholarship winners
Morgan Ellenberger and Jake Sparks*

Both students were selected on the basis of their applications, for excellence in school activities, community involvement, and their essays on "What it Means to be a Brickie". They are pictured here at the Paragon Restaurant on May 22, when the HHS Alumni Association board treated Morgan and Jake and their families to dinner.



*Morgan and Jake with
members of their families.*

The HHSAA has awarded scholarships to high school seniors every year since 2013. (See the complete list on page 5.)

Board Election Ballots Are Due June 30

The election of Board members runs from June 15 to June 30. If you are a paid member of the Hobart High School Alumni Association, you should have received an email or letter in the mail labeled "HHSAA Election Ballot 2024". Remember that your ballots are due by June 30. On July 1, the votes will be counted and the winners announced. Thanks!



Alumni Spotlight

Josh Huddlestun, Mayor of Hobart

Our Alumni Spotlight this issue is on Hobart Mayor Josh Huddlestun, HHS Class of 2008. Josh was elected Mayor of Hobart last fall.

How long have you been the Mayor of Hobart, and how and when did you decide to run for Mayor?

I have been Mayor for roughly six months. I previously served on the city council for two four-year terms. I decided to run for Mayor when the

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previous mayor, Brian Snedecor, was not seeking re-election. I wanted to ensure that our community continued moving in the right direction. As a father of three Brickies, it was important to me that we continued to prosper. As a lifelong Brickie, I wanted to make a difference in the community.



Mayor Huddlestun reading essays from 3rd-graders talking about what they would like to see in Hobart.

What is a typical day like for you as Mayor?

I don't believe there is a typical day for a mayor. It can range from meetings about the future of our great city and planning our path forward, to dealing with emergencies, to working on the budget. Being Mayor is a 24/7 job.

Could you trace the path from Hobart High School to where you are now?

After graduating from Hobart High School, I went to Marian University in Indianapolis and then returned to IUN. From there, I got a job at a local gym as a sales manager. Then, I started working at a bank in downtown Hobart. It was there that I really started to get involved with the community, partly because I wanted to better the community

and partly because it was part of my job.

Mayor Snedecor appointed me to the Economic Development Commission. From there, I decided to run for city council, which ultimately gave me insight into city government. That led me to decide to run for mayor.

Were there any teachers or coaches at Hobart that particularly influenced your life?

Many teachers along the way helped lead me to where I am today. Mr. Vode, my fifth-grade teacher, who is now a principal in Crown Point, was a teacher who came into my life at the right time when I was struggling in fifth grade. I don't think I would be able to name all my coaches and teachers who helped guide me along the way. I would say the majority of the teachers I encountered during my time at Hobart High School were influential to me.



Do you have any advice for students who might be interested in serving in public office?

My advice for students who might be interested in public service is to get involved. Join a club. Volunteer. There is always something that needs to be done. Many organizations need help. From there, you will meet many amazing people who are looking to better the community. In addition to that, pay attention. Read current events and be curious.

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HHS Alumni Association Board

The Hobart High School Alumni Association was officially incorporated on July 17, 2010. The current members of the Board of Directors (as of October 1, 2023) are:

OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970 *President*
Lynn Sheets Kostbade, Class of 1966 *Vice-President*
Debra Broker Opolski, Class of 1970 *Treasurer*
Tracy Estabrook McCullough, Class of 1978 *Secretary*

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Shaun Zoladz, *Dean of Students, Hobart High School*, Class of 2006
Beth Scott Barney, Class of 1970
Debbie Scharbach Vega, Class of 1971
Amanda Loy Stillwell, Class of 2000

Our Newest Supporters (since March 2024)

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Deborah Templeton Killion (1973)

NEW AND RENEWED ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Hubert Olis (1965)

Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

Mystery Writer Revealed

In the last edition of this newsletter, we asked who wrote the story, “A High School Student on the Payroll”. One reader, Larry Koziol, guessed correctly: “The unknown writer has to be Lyle Hatten, fellow HHS1958 classmate, prolific contributor to every alumni newsletter.”

Yohan’s Hideaway

While you were attending Hobart High School sometime in the ‘50s, about one block East of our high school building on Center Street, was an old small church that was converted into a small restaurant. High school students would go there for lunch and after school cokes. Inside was a juke box and an open corner for dancing. Students nick-named this small restaurant “Yohan’s Hideaway”. Can anyone remember the old church’s name, the restaurant’s original name, when the restaurant opened and closed, and the owner’s name? Please help by sending any information to Paul Addison, at paul@hobartalumni.org, for a follow-up article.

100 Years Ago

HHS Chorus and Orchestra Combine for “The Toreadors”

In February of 1924, Hobart High School presented the operetta “The Toreadors”, under the direction of music supervisor Dorothy Whitfield.

(This information and picture were obtained from the 1924 Aurora yearbook, made available by the Lake County Public Library, at: <https://archive.org/details/HOHS1924Images/page/n51/mode/2up>.)



Class Reunion Roundup

Please send reunion information to us at info@hobartalumni.org. Updates are posted on our website, at: <https://www.hobartalumni.org/ClassReunions.htm>. These events are listed in order of their occurrence.



CLASS OF 2004:

The Class of 2004 reunion is booked for **August 2-4, 2024**. August 2nd pool party at HHS aquatic center, Saturday brew fest at Hobart Community Center. Sunday in memory gathering and memorial bend dedication. Location TBD. Contact Katherine Galka Rinas at HobartHS2004@gmail.com for more information.

CLASS OF 1974:

The Class of 1974 will hold its 50th year reunion on Saturday, **August 17, 2024**, from 6:00 – 11:00 pm.

There will be a get-together at the Hobart Lakefront Festival Park on Friday, August 16 and Sunday, August 18, 2024.

Gino's Banquet Hall, 1967 E 37th Avenue, Hobart

DINNER: \$45.00 per person plus CASH BAR

Additional opportunity to gather together:

Friday 8/16 @ 7:00 pm - ???, Tavern on the Lake, 200 S. Main Street (Old NIPSCO building)

Food will be available for purchase

Send your check, payable to **Hobart Class of 1974**, NO LATER THEN JULY 1st, 2024 to:

Judy (Jones) Ford, 1450 Lincoln Street, Hobart, IN 46342, (219) 617-4524.

(Please contact Judy for other methods of payment.)

If you have any questions, contact Martha Fick Osten, at (219) 742-8184, or email her at:

marketingmartha@comcast.net.

*** Please bring any memorabilia you would like to display for the evening ***

CLASS OF 1994:

The Class of 1994 will hold its 30th year reunion on Saturday, **September 14, 2024**, from 6-10 pm, at the Marina Shores Yacht Club, 5987 Dune Harbor Drive in Portage. Cost is \$60 per ticket. RSVP by scanning the QR code below. For more info email: hobartclassof94@gmail.com, or text 260-241-0466.

MARINA SHORES YACHT CLUB
5987 DUNE HARBOR DR.
PORTAGE, IN
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
6-10PM
\$60 PER TICKET
CASUAL DRESS, DINNER INCLUDED, CASH BAR

**Class of 1994
Bash at the Beach!**

Early bird discounts!
Register by June 30th!

Questions?
hobartclassof94@gmail.com
Or text 260-241-0466

RSVP HERE

CLASS OF 1994:

We are having a 55th class reunion on Saturday, **September 21, 2024**, at the VFW in Hobart from 7 o'clock to 11 o'clock. There is also our homecoming football game Friday, September 20, 2024. Please contact Cheryl Allendorf on Facebook, so she knows how many people will be coming. Cost is \$10 per person. It is very casual. We are having dinner but nothing like our 50th! Hope to see you there!!!

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REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

CLASS OF 1960: The Class of 1960 is having their luncheon the second Saturday of each month at the Paragon Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Any questions, contact Linda (Quinlan) Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1958: The Class of 1958 is having their monthly luncheon the third Saturday of each month at the Paragon Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Any questions, contact Larry Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

CLASSES OF 1952 AND 1953: The classes of 1952 and 1953 are having breakfast the second Thursday of each month at the Paragon at 8:30. Any questions, call Marlene (Baier) Krawcyk (Class of 1952) 219-942-6301, or Martha (Jordan) Nichols (Class of 1953) 219-942-3062.

CLASS OF 1970: The Class of 1970 usually meets for brunch on the third Saturday of the month. To check the latest information, go the Facebook page for the HHS Class of 1970, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/110625168719>.

HHSAA Scholarship Recipients

The Hobart High School Alumni Association has been awarding scholarships every year since 2013. It's a little-known fact that teachers are eligible for scholarships to continue their education, as well as high school seniors. In 2014, teacher Tammy May won a scholarship towards her work on a doctoral program in instructional technology.

Here is the list of our 27 (so far) scholarship winners:

- 2013: Jordan Benton and Mathew Viator
- 2014: Layne Watts, Ben Johnson, and Tammy May (teacher)
- 2015: Molly Zakutansky, Jaclyn Flores, and Zach Satterfield
- 2016: David Kostbade and Annabella Melvin
- 2017: Sydney Benton and Angelo Guarnero
- 2018: Calynn Drobac and Cade Brumley
- 2019: Lily Kolross and Max Salaza
- 2020: Audree Vann and Brian Corbielle, Jr.
- 2021: Calle Hairston and Adam Barney
- 2022: Meghan Horn and Alex Pickett
- 2023: Alyssa Toscani, Nikolina Latinovic, and Ryan Wein
- 2024: Jake Sparks and Morgan Ellenberger



Recent Obituaries (since our March 2024 newsletter; in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

JUNE 2024:

[David \(Dave\) Hunt, Class of 1977](#)

MAY 2024:

[Sharon Glynn Malinka, Class of 1957](#)

[William \(Bill\) Haas, Class of 1956](#)

[Robert \(Bob\) Zimny, Class of 1957](#)

[Maxine Bercaw Hutchens, Class of 1952](#)

[Peggy Kaiser, Class of 1972 \(and teacher\)](#)

[Denise Nault Christy, Class of 1967](#)

[Leland \(Lee\) Lovall, Class of 1960](#)

[Karen Hilton Newcomb, Class of 1983](#)

APRIL 2024:

[William Fick, Class of 1984](#)

[Mary Decker Tuttle, Class of 1953](#)

[Darryl Heine, Class of 1968](#)

[Richard \(Dick\) Metzger, Teacher](#)

[Joe Kaminski, Class of 1987](#)

[Don Shinneman, Class of 1955](#)

[Melanie Miller-Walker, Class of 1981](#)

[Thomas \(Tom\) O'Keefe, Class of 1966](#)

[Rick \(Rich\) Ardell, Class of 1970](#)

[Mark Ring, Class of 1974](#)

[Lisa Leonard McGushion, Class of 1981](#)

[Nicholas \(Nick\) Ferlus, Class of 1965](#)

[Gail Ehrenfeld Koch, Class of 1966](#)

[Denise Council O'Neill, Class of 1966](#)

[Betty Wineinger Carns, Class of 1944](#)

MARCH 2024:

[Betty Bycoft, Class of 1961](#)

[Alice Stewart Stephenson, Class of 1956](#)

[John Konicki, Class of 1961](#)

[Tim Dickey, Class of 1965](#)

[Charles \(Chuck\) Richardson, Class of 1956](#)

[Beth Vargo Howell, Class of 1959](#)

[Richard Carl \(Dick\) Altenhof, Class of 1956](#)

[Robert \(Bob\) Nanney, Class of 1982](#)

FEBRUARY 2024:

[Kerry Owen Heitkotter, Class of 1982](#)

[Mary Kim Janott, Class of 1972](#)

[Lori Flanders Betten, Class of 1982](#)

[Lori Williams, Class of 1974](#)

[Patricia \(Pat\) Jarosz, Class of 1973](#)

OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED

JANUARY 2024:

[Jeff \(John\) Janott, Class of 1963](#)

[Rosalind Baughamer Slabaugh, Class of 1956](#)

OCTOBER 2023:

[Diana \(Diane\) Eaves Jenkins Sundman, Class of 1974](#)

AUGUST 2023:

[Jeffrey \(Jeff\) Sandefur, Class of 1980](#)

[Martha Lindsey Regier, Class of 1967](#)

MAY 2023:

[Thomas Novak, Class of 2000](#)

DECEMBER 2022:

[Gail Drew Ramsay, Class of 1952](#)

AUGUST 2022:

[Robert \(Bob\) Stanley, Class of 1965](#)

APRIL 2022:

[David Draves, Class of 1965](#)

FEBRUARY 2022:

[Rick Easton, Class of 1974](#)

[Jon Joel Ewigleben, Class of 1956](#)

NOVEMBER 2021:

[Alice McGrew, Teacher](#)

OCTOBER 2021:

[Frank Soos, Staff](#)

SEPTEMBER 2021:

[Dorothy Buczek McGinnis, Class of 1950](#)

AUGUST 2021:

[Norma Bledsoe Palmer, Class of 1951](#)

APRIL 2021:

[Kenneth Neyhart, Class of 1956](#)

NOVEMBER 2020:

[Doris Otto Axtell, Class of 1943](#)

JULY 2020:

[Evelyn Lowitt Rippe, Class of 1938](#)

FEBRUARY 2020:

[Arlene Erwin Greene, Class of 1950](#)

DECEMBER 2019:

[Jay Greene, Class of 1946](#)

OCTOBER 2019:

[Irma Becker, Teacher](#)

JUNE 2019:

[Leslie Spoentgen Kleinknight, Class of 1980](#)

FEBRUARY 2019:

[Hazel Morgan Needham, Class of 1944](#)

NOVEMBER 2018:

[Charlene \(Char\) O'Connor](#)

AUGUST 2018:

[Lena Cadle Schindler, Custodian](#)

MAY 2018:

[Edith Wilson Whisler, Class of 1939](#)

MARCH 2018:

[Michael \(Mike\) Gravel, Class of 1980](#)

[Evan Kisela, Class of 1956](#)

JANUARY 2018:

[William \(Bill\) Remus, Class of 1956](#)

OCTOBER 2017:

[Gerald White, Class of 1980](#)

JULY 2017:

[Fredrick \(Fred\) Jordan, Class of 1942](#)

APRIL 2017:

[Tommie Spears, Class of 1956](#)

[Rada \(Radojka\) Pejovich Josifovski, Class of 1980](#)

MARCH 2017:

[Evelyn Koski Corgan, Teacher](#)

APRIL 2016:

[Janet Sonntag Kubik, Class of 1956](#)

FEBRUARY 2016:

[Roger Brodegroom, Class of 1974](#)

OCTOBER 2015:

[Harold Cox, Class of 1971](#)

MAY 2015:

[Brad Walsh, Class of 1972](#)

APRIL 2015:

[Patricia \(Pat\) Morehouse Welzel, Class of 1956](#)

DECEMBER 2014:

[Vivian Verplank Turcot, Class of 1942](#)

AUGUST 2014:

[Emery Zajec, Class of 1943](#)

APRIL 2014:

[Robert Palmer, Class of 1950](#)

AUGUST 2013:

[Dr. Paul Harris, Class of 1937](#)

FEBRUARY 2013:

[Thomas \(Tom\) Burke, Class of 1957](#)

NOVEMBER 2012:

[Edward Ingram, Class of 1935](#)

OCTOBER 2012:

[Emmett Earl Dorsey, Class of 1956](#)

[William Douglas "Skip" Mourer, Jr., Class of 1956](#)

AUGUST 2012:

[Dorothy Correll Jansen, Class of 1938](#)

JULY 2012:

[Dorothy Flick Ingram, Class of 1938](#)

MAY 2012:

[Ellsworth Melat, Class of 1932](#)

[Rita Frett Mauser, Class of 1946](#)

APRIL 2012:

[Collette "Coco" Overturf Wooldridge, Class of 1980](#)

DECEMBER 2011:

[Elmer Cook, Class of 1939](#)

[Astrid Cicak, Teacher](#)

OCTOBER 2011:

[Vera Mulligan Hutchinson, Class of 1940](#)

SEPTEMBER 2011:

[Marcella Ruth Johnson Daily, Class of 1936](#)

[Luella Sonntag Wuenn, Class of 1938](#)

[Edward Rush \(Staff\)](#)

[Evelyn Adams Sizemore, Class of 1942](#)

AUGUST 2011:

[Paul Wineinger, Class of 1940](#)

JUNE 2011:

[Grace Johnson Kruger, Class of 1936](#)

APRIL 2011:

[Adeline Huml Dalton, Class of 1937](#)

DECEMBER 2010:

[Emily Pratt Fifield, Class of 1936](#)

[Eli Lazar, Class of 1937](#)

NOVEMBER 2010:

[Gerald Glenn \(Jerry\) Binkley, Class of 1956](#)

[Russell Wayne Flick, Class of 1956](#)

OCTOBER 2010:

[Helen "Bunny" Gruel Redman, Class of 1934](#)

JULY 2010:

[John Walter, Class of 1955](#)

[Cathleen DeMers Maynerich, Class of 1939](#)

JUNE 2010:

[Mary Matis, Teacher](#)

[Norman Stangebye, Class of 1935](#)

FEBRUARY 2010:

[Vada Thompson Shearer, Class of 1933](#)



Membership Application Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Membership is \$10 per year per person, or \$100 per person for a Life Membership
(proceeds go towards student scholarships and teacher grants)

Check one: New member Renewal Scholarship donation only

If membership, check one: 1-year membership (\$10) Lifetime membership (\$100)

First Name _____

Last Name (in high school) _____

Married Last Name _____

Your class graduating year at HHS _____

(Renewing members only need to fill out the following if anything has changed)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Thank you for your support!

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